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Settling down for the Bank Holiday weekend – August '20

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It's staying unsettled this week with further showers and heavy rain in places, before turning more settled and cooler into the long weekend.

Rain, showers and strong winds

Low pressure will remain across the UK until the end of the week, bringing further spells of rain, showers and strong wind at times. After a dry and bright start on Thursday, most areas will see showers or longer spells of rain develop through the day. Friday will be another day of showers and it'll turn windy across eastern areas for a time, but the winds will ease into the weekend as a large area of high pressure builds across the UK from the Atlantic.

National Severe Weather Warning

For today and tomorrow there is a Yellow weather warning in force each day for parts of southern England and South Wales. Until 7pm on Thursday there is a rain warning. Between 11am and 8pm on Friday there is a warning for thunderstorms.

August weather 2020

Chief Meteorologist at the Met Office, Frank Saunders, said: "We've seen a real mix of weather this August - with a heatwave earlier this month and in the last week we've had two named storms bringing very wet and windy weather across the country.

"With high pressure on the way this weekend we're going to end the month with much more settled weather, with plenty of late summer sunshine for many. It'll be a dry weekend for most areas too, though eastern areas can expect a few heavy showers on Saturday."

Cool temperatures

Frank continued: "It'll feel quite cool despite the sunshine, as northerly winds bring below average temperatures for the time of year with highs of around 16 to 18 Celsius. At night it'll feel really quite chilly, with temperatures dropping to single figures for most, and a chance of air frost in Scottish glens.

Public holiday

Monday 31st August is a public holiday in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, but not Scotland.

Upcoming forecast

Commenting on the weather following Bank Holiday Monday, Deputy Chief Meteorologist Chris Tubbs, said: “Later on Monday low-pressure will once again start to edge it’s way in from the Atlantic and it’ll turn cloudier with outbreaks of rain for Northern Ireland, with cloud and rain spreading to the rest of the UK by Tuesday. It’s likely to stay unsettled into the remainder of next week as we begin meteorological Autumn, with spells of wind and strong winds at times.”

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